

**AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2014
WAREHOUSE POINT LIBRARY**

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Alan Baker | Albert Grant | Jim Halloran | Ray Jones |
| Lois Noble | Barbara Sherman | Dick Sherman | Dick Sullivan |
| Tom Talamini | Deb Talamini | Scott Tripp | |

ABSENT:

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| Joanne Drapeau | Al Floyd | Ken Francis | Sue Gaffney |
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM
2. **MINUTES** of May 15, 2014: Motioned and Approved, with 4 abstentions.
3. **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** Under New Business: 5.e. Source to Sea, 5.f. Cardboard Boat Race
4. **ON-GOING / OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. River Review – Observations that the water in Enfield around Powder Hollow is clear but it was reported by a fisherman that the filter bed area was not clean. We need to find where the muddy water begins. “Non-kayakers” had reported that the river was passable with difficulty and the Chair hoped to make a run and would report back.
 - b. Water testing continues. Plans are needed to put in the poles for the upgraded water testers.
 - c. Scantic River State Park Trail – Was cleared with the help of 53 volunteers from the former Wood Group and they are willing to help again, maybe sooner next year than just before the hike.
 - d. Window decals – New sales = 33 unsold.
 - e. May Work Party(s) – Members replaced the bridges again, in preparation for the hike.
 - f. June 8 Trails Day Hike – had 35 participants with 9 dogs. All enjoyed and those new to the trail remarked that it was a great spot and would be returning.
 - g. Patch Blog / Facebook – Member Deb Talamini reported the JI had an article about the cardboard boat race and that publicity was out everywhere possible on all mediums, to advertise the June 29 events

NEW BUSINESS

- a. June 28th work party – Members will meet at Melrose Bridge at 9AM to establish condition of the waterway for use and make sure the race area is in good shape. Then July 12th another work party will gather. Information on that objective forthcoming. The goal is to keep/maintain what has already been opened is still open and navigable.
- b. SRWA – Reported that the Dept. of the Interior will remove the Springborn Dam, in Enfield CT.
- c. Park & Rec – Joint meeting with Windsor Locks was held regarding bike trails and walking trails. Speaker Mark Fenton was very impressive.
- d. Expenditures – Secretary reported on the river guide that was in the works is ready. There was money in the account to pay for a first printing of 100. Any remaining balance would be encumbered for future editions.
- e. Source to Sea – It was published that the official event would cover September 26-27, 2014.
- f. Cardboard Boat Race / Duck Race – Discussion as to the availability of members to help with the June 29 events. There was lots of talk of people planning to enter cardboard boats. The port-a-let will be available. Also there will be a hot dog cart for lunch options.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Sherman – 6/23/2014